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EXPANSION OF ORGANIZED AGRICULTURE IN CHINA

AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES MAY EXCEED 40,000 -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 15 Jan 54

In December 1953, preliminary plans for development of the activities of agricultural production cooperatives during 1954 were drawn up. The number of cooperatives will be increased to 35,800 and may exceed 40,000.

According to present local plans, in old liberated areas each ch'u and some villages may set up provisional cooperatives. In newly liberated areas, except for a very few regions where an adequate foundation is lacking and provisional cooperatives are temporarily banned, each hsien may establish one to three provisional cooperatives. In some of these areas, because of local experience, cooperatives may be established at the ch'u level.

In 1954, organized farm households will exceed 50 percent of the total. In the Northeast, 70 percent of all households will be organized, 40 percent of which will be in all-year mutual aid teams. In North China, 70 percent of farm households will be organized, of which 45 percent will be in all-year mutual aid teams. In addition, a basis for development of other mutual aid organizations will be sought. In Hubei province, the percentage of organized households will be raised from 42 to 50.

In the Central-South Administrative District, the goal for organized households will be 50 percent, with 35 percent of these in all-year mutual aid teams. In the Northwest, the figures are 55 percent and 18 percent, respectively; in East China, 60 percent and 20 percent; and in the Southwest, 50 percent and 17 percent.

EARLY HALF OF FARM HOUSEHOLDS ORGANIZED -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 14 Jan 54

According to present plans, 43 percent of farm households in China have been organized, of which 27 percent were in agricultural production cooperatives. The absolute figures are 27,000,000 and 273,000 households, respectively. This is an increase of more than 10 percent over 1952. In 1953, the number of cooperatives in China was more than 15,000 (not including 4,000 spontaneously organized cooperatives). More than 24 percent of farm households were participating in all-year mutual aid teams, and more than 70 percent were members of all-year mutual aid teams.

Total percentages of organized farm households in the various Administrative Districts were as follows: Northeast, 75 percent; North China, more than 50 percent; East China, 40 percent; Northwest, 45 percent; Central-South, 30 percent; and Southwest, 40 percent. Of the total number of organized households, the percentages of participants in agricultural production cooperatives were as follows: Northeast, 1.4 percent; North China, 1.89 percent; East China, 0.27 percent; Central-South, 0.07 percent; and Southwest, 0.013 percent. The proportions of households participating in all-year mutual aid teams were as follows: Northeast, 33 percent (if "three-season" teams are included, the proportion becomes 70 percent); North China, 33 percent; East China, more than 35 percent; Northwest, 10 percent; and Southwest, 10 percent.

15 COOPERATIVES SET UP IN HONGKIANG -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 14 Jan 54

In one ch'u of Hui-shan Hsien and three ch'us of Wu-ch'ang Hsien, Sungkiang province, 15 agricultural production cooperatives were initiated in 1953. In Hui-shan Hsien, nine cooperatives achieved an average production of 1,200 chin of wheat per hectare, 200 chin more than neighboring mutual aid teams. The six cooperatives in Wu-ch'ang Hsien were equally successful.

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KIRIN TO SET UP 1,500 PROVISIONAL COOPERATIVES -- Feiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 17 Jan 54

Leadership organs of Kirin Province have decided to increase the present 1,158 agricultural production cooperatives by another 1,500. Last autumn, 85 percent of the farm households of Kirin were organized. There were 22,575 households participating in agricultural production cooperatives, 2.1 percent of the total number of farm households in Kirin.

As of 25 December 1953, a total of 1,370 households in 17 hsiens taking part in all-year mutual aid teams wished to become agricultural production cooperatives.

In Hupeh Province, the prospective number of agricultural production cooperatives to be started in 1954 will be increased from the 275 originally planned to more than 520.

NORTHEAST TO ESTABLISH 7,700 COOPERATIVES -- Feiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 5 Jan 54

Preliminary plans for the Northeast call for the establishment of 7,700 agricultural production cooperatives in the spring of 1954. This is 1.5 times the present number. In 1953, a total of 4,043 provisional cooperatives were set up at ch'u level, an average of 2.5 per ch'u.

HAINAN ISLAND TO ESTABLISH COOPERATIVES -- Hong Kong, Ta Kung Pao, 8 Jan 54

By the end of March 1954, Hainan Island will have set up 25 provisional agricultural production cooperatives.

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